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- 11. (U) On May 30, the Mexican Ministry of Finance issued a press release supporting the nomination of Robert Zoellick as President of the World Bank. Early on May 30, the Embassy had delivered reftel demarche to the Mexican Secretariats of Finance, Foreign Affairs, and Economy. The Finance Ministry immediately thanked us for the background information on Mr. Zoellick.
- 12. (U) Informal Embassy translation of the Ministry of Finance press release:

Mexico, DF, May 30, 2007

Declaration on the Nomination of Robert Zoellick for the Presidency of the World Bank

Mexico resolutely supports the nomination of Mr. Robert Zoellick as candidate for the Presidency of the World Bank.

Mr. Zoellick will bring to the Bank a combination of decisive leadership, an impeccable professional career, extensive international experience, proven capacity in administrating large, complex institutions, as well as a clear commitment to developing countries.

Mexico offers its congratulations on the nomination of Mr. Zoellick and promises to work with him if he is chosen by the (Governing) Board of the Bank, once the selection process has been concluded.

End informal translation

 $\P 3$ . Post e-mailed the Spanish text of the press release to WHA and Treasury.

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